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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-48649, to Takahiro SAITO, published on

-February 18, 2000;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-114746, to Hiroshi WATANABE, published

on April 21, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 5,536,904 to Kenji KOJIMA et al., issued July 16, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,635,678 to Jun YASUKUNI, issued June 3, 1997; and

U.S. Patent-No. 5,641,942 to Minoru IRIYAMA et al., issued June 24, 1997.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all of the above materials and cite the U.S. and Japanese patent documents. Copies of the U.S. Patents and

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